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by Sarah Smith

When residents of entire cities were evacuated in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that meant everyone, including prisoners and registered sex offenders. An estimated 15,000 child predators have been displaced by the storm, and their whereabouts are still unknown. Approximately 25 percent of sex offenders on the Gulf Coast are currently out of compliance with their parole, probation or registry requirements.

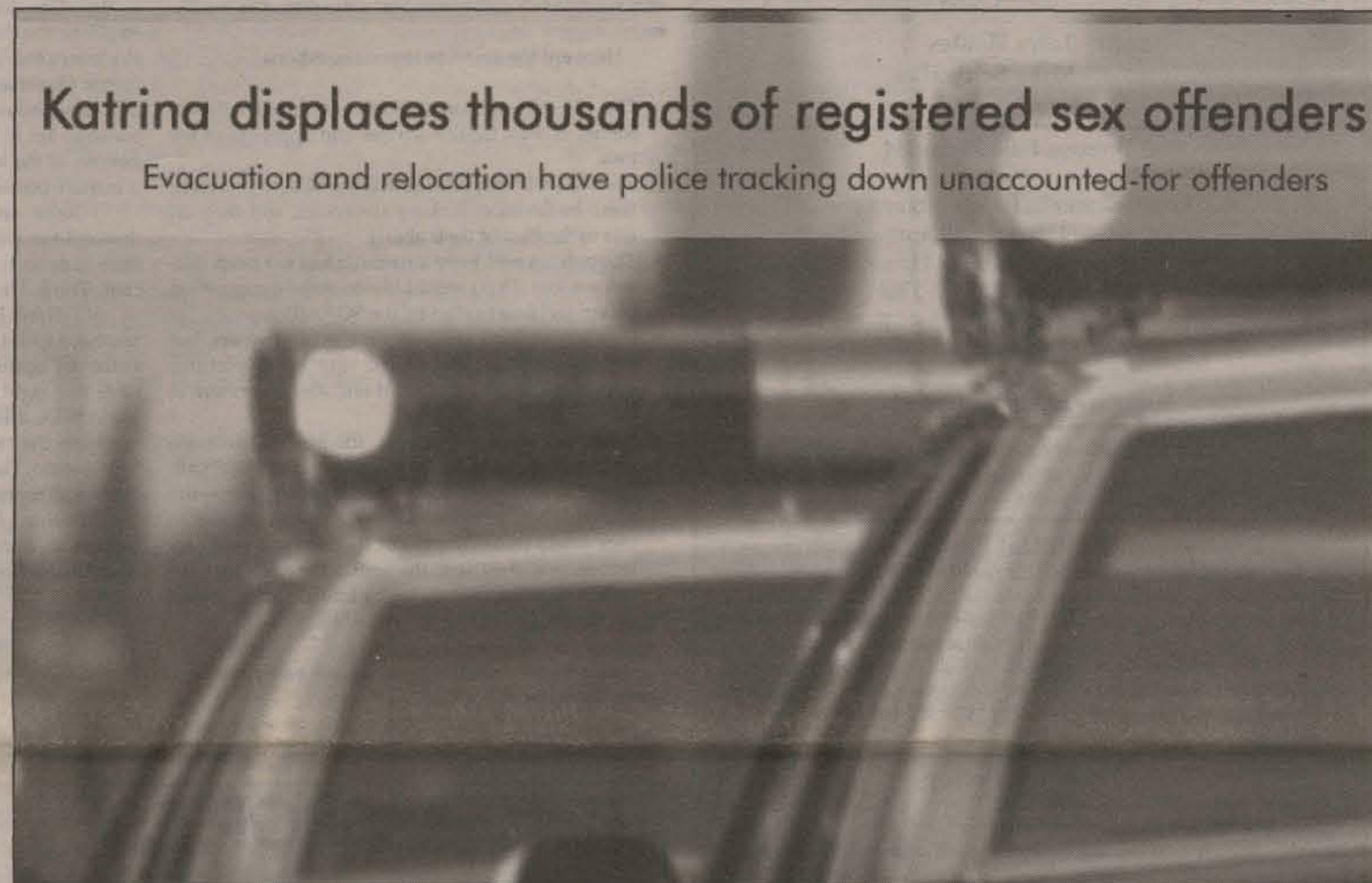
Hugo Holland, assistant district attorney for Caddo Parish, recently spoke to students on campus about the 4,500 missing sex offenders in the state. Holland also wanted to educate and inform students here at LSUS about the overall problem of sex crimes in our society today.

Holland is a sex crime prosecutor and an activist for the national problem of sex crimes and the people who commit those crimes.

"I had no idea there were so many missing sex offenders after Katrina," said Michelle Sanders, freshman criminal justice major. "I didn't even know there were so many in Louisiana."

Sanders said that she was glad she went to hear Holland speak. It gave her a better understanding of the situation and the severity of the problem of the missing sex offenders in the state.

"I know now that I need to be more careful and aware of what is going on around me," said Sanders. "It scares me to think of how many sex offenders are missing and that they



Katrina displaces thousands of registered sex offenders

Evacuation and relocation have police tracking down unaccounted-for offenders

could be here in the Shreveport-Bossier area."

According to news reports, nationwide there are about 550,000 convicted sexual offenders out of jail, 100,000 of whom are unaccounted for. Since there are thousands of children still missing from the storm, locating those missing predators is an especially high priority for federal and state officials.

The evacuation and relocation of people from Louisiana parishes hit the hardest by Katrina potentially put thousands of registered sex offenders and sexual predators in new loca-

tions. In addition, an unknown number of the state's 62,606 adult probationers and parolees are now under no supervision at all as a result of the hurricane.

Dr. Bernadette Palombo, associate professor of criminal justice, said that there are so many sex offenders out there and that our state has a real problem distinguishing the difference in the serious sex offenders and those who commit less serious sex crimes.

"It would shock you to know how many sex offenders there are just wandering around," said Palombo. "Every

sex offender in New Orleans went missing after the hurricane. Unless they took it upon themselves to register, they are walking around planning their next sex crime."

"The number of sex offenders who lived in areas in the state that were just swamped by Katrina range between 3,300 and 4,500," said Ted Raley of the Louisiana State Police.

Raley said that 270 of those offenders usually check in at parole offices in five districts which are now closed due to Katrina and are now considered at higher risk of repeating their crimes. He said that those

270 are who authorities are really focused on tracking at this point.

"The truth is that there is a whole lot of missing sex offenders, and they could be anywhere right now," said Raley. "We have had a difficult time trying to track them and their whereabouts."

To track them down, Louisiana's corrections officials are visiting shelters and telephoning relatives of the offenders. But according to state police, many sex offenders who evacuated after the storm are

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Corrections

No corrections this week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When I read the letter sent in by Sherry Beane, I was actually quite shocked. If she is so against the idea of the Pelican being chosen as a mascot, why not take it straight to SGA? If Ms. Beane had done so she would have had all of her questions answered, but since she felt it was better not to do so I (as a member of the same student body) will answer her questions and react to her comments that were stated in her letter.

Here are the answers to your questions:

- The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Gloria Raines is their faculty adviser and approves of the idea.
- The student body has elected the SGA to represent them in decision-making situations, and they do this to the best of their ability.
- The pelican will have a name. It has not been chosen yet, but if you would like to make a suggestion please feel free to stop by the SGA office.
- Our school logo will remain the pilot wheel, but the pelican may be added into some pictures dressed as the 'pilot.' And it will also be present at our games.
- When deciding the mascot, the SGA chose to go with an animal in order to prevent the possibility of racial and gender bias being brought into the picture. They compiled a list of as many animals as they could think of and cut it down to a small selection that they sent the artist. They felt that the pelican was the best choice by looking at the artists' depiction.

All of these questions could have easily been answered by contacting SGA.

Also in Ms. Beane's letter she made a few comments I would like to argue. First, what is wrong with

being too closely associated with Louisiana? We are after all Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Take a look at larger universities across the nation and you will find many of their mascots come from the history of its state. To name a few, Oklahoma State University Sooners, North Carolina Tarheels, and the Tennessee Volunteers. And why does it matter that other schools in the state do not have state-related mascots? We could be the first at something. Second, throughout the letter I found a few contradictions within her statements. One that I would like to address is her idea that a mascot should be fierce and intimidating, not personable. Yet in the last paragraph she gives the suggestion of the Riverboat Pilots as our mascot because it is more personable. Confused?? So am I.

I have seen a large number of universities throughout the United States with what would be seen as a much more personable mascot than the pelicans. Think, University of Hawaii Rainbows.

If I didn't like the idea of having the pelican as a mascot, I could easily issue a complaint to the SGA or voice my opinion to the student body. And I feel I have that right because I voted for those people that are in SGA, and I feel that if you did not vote you do not have the right to complain about what they are trying to do. They do the best they can to listen to students and represent them the best they can.

The thing is though: I love the idea of having the pelican as a mascot. And from what I've heard, so does Chancellor Marsala.

Amanda Robinson
 senior accounting major

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to Sherry Beane's letter to the editor which was printed in last week's *Almagest*. The SGA officers and senators appreciate Ms. Beane's questions and concerns and hope that students will continue to contact the SGA and/or use the *Almagest* to voice concerns about campus issues. LSUS needs more students that share Sherry Beane's love for our school. There is some misinformation, however, that needs to be cleared up concerning the mascot issue.

Ms. Beane reminds us that "We have been the Pilots since the school was founded." We have never proposed that our sports teams be called anything other than the Pilots. The pelican is a mascot which the dictionary defines as "a person, an animal, or an object believed to bring good luck, as the symbol of a sports team."

Ms. Beane believes that the adoption of the pelican is "trying too hard to be like every other school." We don't see anything wrong with being like other schools with animal mascots which are highly valued by students and alumni.

Ms. Beane believes that the pelican is too "closely asso-

ciated with Louisiana." We are proud of Louisiana, and we chose the pelican because it is the state bird.

Ms. Beane states that LSU A&M does not have a mascot connected to the state, but she is incorrect. Now, first of all, we would not presume to tell the students and alumni of LSU A&M what mascot to choose, but we don't see any reason why LSUS should not choose a mascot which reflects the state of Louisiana. However, LSU's Tigers are named after a Civil War Battalion called the "Tigers" that was started in New Orleans and was famous in Louisiana at the time.

Ms. Beane believes that mascots need to be "fierce and intimidating." We don't know if Ms. Beane has had any contact with pelicans, but we are sure that some of our biology professors could attest that pelicans are not wimps.

Ms. Beane believes that the only "good bird mascots are Falcons or Eagles." Since a number of college and professional teams have cardinals, blue jays and other birds as mascots, we believe that thousands of devoted fans can't be wrong and we choose not to

insult them as well.

Once again, we would also have to refer Ms. Beane's concern about the pelican being in the "same family of birds as the boobie bird" to our biology professors; we have been assured that the boobie birds are quite rare and special.

We agree with Ms. Beane's assertion that "we are the Pilots." We have never suggested that our sports teams be called the pelicans. We would remind Ms. Beane that there are numerous examples of teams which use a call name which is different from the name of the mascot. (Alabama is the Crimson Tide, but their mascot is an elephant; Tennessee is the Volunteers, but they have a dog mascot.)

Student Government has been working diligently to build the LSUS community and increase school spirit. One of our goals is to attract bigger crowds to our sporting events and improve the connections among our athletics program, our students and our local community. We believe that the mascot is a great way to increase fan involvement and put a friendly face on LSUS athletics.

Yes, there will be a name

for the mascot. We have received a number of suggested names, and we are continuing to accept names until further notice. Drop your suggestion in the box outside the SGA office on the second floor of the UC, or e-mail ideas to SGA@lsus.edu. A panel of judges will make the final selection. Tryout information will be announced at a later date.

The two Disney artists who are drawing pelican mascots are former LSUS students. Other artists who are currently enrolled at LSUS also are completing drawings. The artists are completing these renderings free of charge, and the university will pay a fee to the artist whose rendering is selected.

There is no plan to change the university logo which currently is a pilot's wheel.

We intend for the mascot to be part of our cheerleading program, and we hope that the pelican will appear at all games.

A student suggested the pelican, and it seemed like a perfect fit. We like the pelican because it is connected to the state, but it is not a symbol that has been over-used. We

surveyed many students, faculty and staff members and received an overwhelmingly positive response to the pelican.

The chancellor has approved the SGA proposal that a pelican be adopted as the LSUS mascot. The SGA proposal was supported by the LSUS Alumni Association.

We apologize for any confusion in this matter. We assure you that the process of selecting a mascot has been well thought out and that many members of the LSUS community have been involved in every step. Please continue to contact your SGA representatives for questions and concerns about campus issues.

On behalf of SGA,

Jessica Beech
MBA student
SGA Senator-At-Large

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senior, biology
SGA President

In "Evolution vs. Intelligent Design," in the September 29 issue, Mickeal Key makes several statements and references several quotes that are either misleading or unfair in my opinion.

First, he states that intelligent design "took the place of creationism" in the debate over evolution. What is in fact the case is that since creationism has been routinely denied by our judicial system as a proper subject for the classroom, intelligent design theory has become the focus of that particular part of the battle. There are, in fact, some creationist groups who distance themselves from the ID movement because the ID movement is not Biblical in its approach.

He also refers to Judge Clarence Cooper's ruling on a sticker placed on evolutionary

textbooks. Key said that "the sticker was in violation of the Constitution because it clearly had religious ties although the language gave a secular effect (my emphasis)." How can this sticker violate the First Amendment, which only says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion?" The sticker made no reference to religion at all, much less a particular "establishment of religion." The purpose of the First Amendment is to prevent the federal government from establishing a national religion. Not only that, but ID does not necessarily postulate a deity, just some intelligent being, one possibility being an alien race. Thus, the sticker, which merely asked students to approach evolutionary theory with an open mind, in no way violates any part of the Consti-

tution, regardless of its "religious ties."

Key then quotes Dr. Nathan Hutchings, who said that "[w]e try to support material best supported by science." This is an oversimplification because it assumes that all scientists agree with evolution, yet ID proponents are scientists with degrees, and some of them have been published in scientific journals. It also disregards the fact that evolutionists disagree on many details of their own theory. In addition, since evolution deals with origins, it involves metaphysical implications. Thus, it is not even possible to make it a purely empirical theory. Dr. Hutchings was also quoted as saying, "Whether or not to teach intelligent design falls into academic freedom, but not at the expense of the information that is necessary to

teach the course." In what way is Darwin's theory necessary to the understanding of biology? Even though morphological changes do result from genetic recombination, mutation, etc., it is debatable whether these changes lead to the addition of new genetic information sufficient to account for goo-to-you evolution.

Key also quotes Dr. Steven Lynch, who said that "intelligent design is not based on scientific understanding but based on religious dogma." Nothing could be further from the truth. As I already pointed out, ID does not necessarily postulate a deity, or even spiritual beings of any kind for that matter. In fact, ID is based exclusively on scientific understanding, since its basic premise is that life and its molecular underpinnings are too difficult to account for scientifically purely by recourse to natural, random events. No arguments are made from a religious basis within the ID movement at all. There are theists/creationists within the ID movement, but their arguments are purely scientific and mathematical/probabilistic.

What bothered me the most, however, is that Key did not quote one person from the other side of the issue, either from the legal or scientific professions.

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sophomore, political science

Editor's note:
Mickeal Key is female.

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SGA UPDATE

Topics discussed at the Oct. 6 SGA meeting:

- Benefit concert by Dr. Steve Lynch's band
- LSUS basketball team needs a way to get to the game with LSU
- SGA T-shirt logo to read: "We make the rules"
- Possible change of SGA meeting times

SGA meetings are held Thursdays during Common Hour in the Webster Room in the University Center.

Police patrol on bicycles

by Greg Williams

The LSUS police department is now patrolling the campus on bicycles during the evening hours.

The officers patrolling the campus are Officer Leonard Bonnette and Officer Ted Riser. Bonnette, a former Shreveport police officer, brought the idea to Chief Larry LaBorde. Bonnette as a Shreveport police officer was in command of the Red River District horse and bicycle patrol unit.

With the use of the bicycle, Bonnette said, "It would be easier to get across campus than in a patrol car, and it enables you to interact with people easier." Bonnette has his own bike from his days as commander of the Red River District Unit.

In past years there has been a lot of concern among faculty members and students about walking on campus in the

evening hours. Another concern had by the University Police is that if they were to get an emergency call from the University Court Apartments they would have to run back to the patrol car if they were walking the campus.

LaBorde said there are other advantages to the bicycle. "You can get around quietly and quickly with a lot of stealth," he said.

This new unit will help the campus police save money with the continued increase in gas prices. LaBorde said this unit "allows him to use the manpower we have in the most efficient way we can. For a campus environment a bike can prove to be very efficient."

The bike used by Bonnette is a 27-speed mountain bike made especially for police patrol. The bicycle has flashing red head lights and tail lights. The bicycle cost about \$1,100.

FACULTY SENATE UPDATE

Topics discussed at the Oct. 12 Faculty Senate meeting:

- President's Report: 73,000 Louisiana Higher Education students (roughly 30% of all Louisiana higher education students) displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. UNO, LSUHSC, Southern and McNeese State cannot operate this semester.
- A hardware upgrade for the LSUS network will proceed in the spring. This is not affected by Governor Blanco's freeze on all non-essential spending.
- Security concerns over posting faculty vitae on their respective college's Web site has been dispelled.
- The decision to accept the smoking ban passed 10-1. It will now be considered by the staff senate and chancellor.
- Student members of the Admissions and Standards, Library, Student Affairs and Student Conduct committees now have voting rights on those committees. The referendum passed unanimously.

Faculty Senate meetings are held monthly in the Webster Room in the University Center.

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College of Sciences to institute new honor society

by Kemisha Ware

Honor societies represent a rich tradition in the history of higher education, and the LSUS College of Sciences is working to keep the tradition alive by bringing a new honor society to campus.

Some of LSUS' pre-health care students, along with Dr. Paul Sisson, the dean of the college of sciences, and local members of the medical community are working to establish an LSUS chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a health pre-professional honor society.

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the only national premedical honor society. It was founded in 1926

at the University of Alabama. One of the organization's goals is to promote the establishment of contact between premedical students, which Sisson said was one of his priorities as he prepared for his new position as the dean.

"AED encourages pre-health care students to come together," said Sisson. "It will give the students at LSUS the support they need to make better-informed decisions in pursuit of professions in health care."

Alpha Epsilon Delta is currently one of the 57 members of the Association of College Honor Societies. However, if established at LSUS, it won't be the

only honor society on campus. Currently there are eight active honor societies at LSUS.

Graduate student Melanie Spencer, who was inducted into the education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi, as an undergraduate at LSUS, said Alpha Epsilon Delta will have the same purpose as the other societies on campus.

"True honor societies exist to recognize and promote excellence in academic accomplishment," said Spencer. "Although each society services different academic disciplines, the overall purpose of each one is to encourage and recognize students who have achieved a high level of academic competence and to promote excellence in the academic community."

A chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta may be established only at a four-year degree-granting college or university. Membership in AED is offered to pre-

health students recognized to have superior scholastic achievement. Academic requirements include a GPA of at least 3.2 on all college course work and a GPA of at least 3.2 in science courses, including biology, chemistry and physics.

Stephanie Morgan, a freshman biology major, said she is excited about the establishment of Alpha Epsilon Delta on campus.

"I got so happy when I heard that there was a chapter of AED forming at LSUS," said Morgan, who transferred to LSUS from Tulane University after hurricane Katrina. "My brother was inducted into AED at Baylor, and I want to do the same thing. But when I inquired about AED when I transferred I was told that there was no chapter. Now that I know that one is coming, I am really excited."

Although it is not yet established as an official honor soci-

ety at LSUS, Alpha Epsilon Delta will hold two meetings for interested students in November.

Local nurse Natalie Vaughan, who was inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta at Centenary College in 1998, said she hopes to see the LSUS chapter working in the community.

"AED is not only an honor society, but it is a service organization," said Vaughan. "The members should promote pre-medical education on campus as well as in the community, and they should try to provide programs that include activities to benefit members and non-members as well."

Vaughan added that a chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta will help LSUS.

"This puts the school in a distinct class of universities and colleges where the pre-medical programs are very, very strong," said Vaughan.

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Super Fall Fest offers students activities, performances during week-long event

by P.J. Williamson

In addition to Kick-Off Kaos, Mike Super the Magician and numerous movies that have already taken place this year, students can now experience the Student Activities Board's latest planned activity — Fall Fest.

This annual event is held at the end of October every year to give students a chance to celebrate life outside the classroom. Hosted by the SAB, Fall Fest supplies students with activities to dive into while trying to "Escape Insanity," the SAB's motto.

"During the fall semester I'm usually cramped up in the library studying during common hour," said Denisse Menendez, senior sciences major. "This is one of the few things I attend at this school because it's always a big thing."

This year's theme is "Super Fall Fest," and unlike past years, the SAB will be celebrating the event for four days.

"We've worked really hard at setting up the event and since this will be a week-long event, we know it will turn out really nice," said Amanda May, SAB president.

Tuesday the SAB will hold a performance by the singing duo Causeway. Wednesday they invited two nationally known comedians, Damon Williams and Corwin "C Dawg" Oglesby, who both have been showcased on BET's Comicview.

Next Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the traditional Fall Fest activities begin. There will be various games and activities for students to try which include: Clearly Crystals, Extreme Air, many inflatables, novelty items, the

SOC Fair and more.

Thursday's events will also include, beginning at dark, a showing of the movie "Batman Begins" on the mall. Friday, Oct. 28, starting at 10 p.m., the SAB will be trying something completely different with the first Midnight Madness held in the HPE Building.

Midnight Madness is an open event to promote the athletic department. There will be performances by the Dazzling Diamonds and the Cheerleading team, accompanied by DJ Stan. There will also be prizes that include an iPod Nano. In addition, there will be a live remote from 99.7 KMJJ and K94.5.

"We want to bring spirit to this campus, and what could be better than a late-night event with music, prizes and food," said Sarah Swint, SAB publicity committee chairman.

Upcoming Fall Fest Activities

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Causeway musicians
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Spanish students speak to Hispanic evacuees

by Stevie Silva

The Spanish 301 Advanced Speaking class spoke with Hispanic evacuees as part of a class project. Each of the 12 students interviewed a different evacuee. The students interviewed evacuees from the LSUS shelter, the Broadmoor Baptist Church shelter, the Hirsch Coliseum and CenturyTel.

Originally the class was assigned to give mini-Spanish conversational courses at Artspace for the Mexican holiday "Día de los Muertos" (The Day of the Dead). It's a tradition that honors the spirits of the dead.

The Shreveport Regional Arts Center had planned a festival including food, music, art exhibits, dance and many other elements of Mexican culture. The festival was to last eight weeks at Artspace.

After Hurricane Katrina, the SRAC and festival steering committee decided that a festival involving death, skeletons and graveyards would be inappropriate.

"The Día de los Muertos project was put on hold until next year," said Lynn Walford, the professor of the Spanish 301

advanced speaking class. "That meant my class project was cancelled. When I heard that there were a number of Spanish-speaking evacuees at the LSUS shelter, I thought that the experience of interviewing them and recording their stories might be something worth doing, so we gave it a try."

For their service-learning project the students interviewed Hispanic evacuees about their experiences during Hurricane Katrina and in the U.S.

One student, Lupe Meza, a Spanish major, interviewed a 62-year-old woman at CenturyTel. Meza was introduced to the woman through another evacuee who was looking for a Spanish speaker for her.

The woman was originally from Spain and knew little English. She worked in New Orleans for 30 years in two restaurants in the French Quarter.

"Speaking to her made me aware that through difficult times and circumstances you can always find something positive and be thankful for being alive."

Lupe Meza
Spanish major

After the hurricane, the woman, while helping another, was found and picked up by a military helicopter. She was taken to the airport and flown, in a military airplane, to Shreveport.

The woman told Meza she felt like a helpless child and cried as she was lifted into the helicopter. She cried as she told Meza of the people she saw "under the water" while she was still in New Orleans.

"The entire time she spoke to me she never said one negative thing," said Meza. "Even after I asked her thoughts on the government's help, she was still so positive. She said, 'I never knew there were angels on this earth.'"

Because of the woman, Meza said she left with a more positive outlook on life after a tragedy.

"Speaking to her made me aware that through difficult times and circumstances you can always find something positive and be thankful for being alive," said

Meza.

Another student and Spanish major, Sam Cannon, interviewed a teenage girl. The girl evacuated from Kenner. She said she and her family didn't expect the hurricane to be as bad as it was.

The girl and her family stayed at a friend's house for five days and decided to go to the Baton Rouge shelter. Living conditions weren't what they expected at the shelter, so they went back home.

There was no electricity, food or water at their home, and therefore, they once again were on the road. They traveled up to the LSUS shelter where there was no more room and so they were told to go to Broad-

moor Baptist Church for shelter.

The girl and her family had been there six days when Cannon interviewed her. After the interview, Cannon met the girl's mother who was very worried.

"She said, 'Where's my daughter? What did you do with her?'" said Cannon. "Her mother was very upset and did not understand that I was interviewing her about their evacuation. I had recorded our interview and taken pictures, but the distrustful mother made me give her the pictures and the tape."

Cannon's experience after his interview was different from Meza's. Because of the girl's mother, he left with a different perspective of the evacuees.

"Usually the evacuees are happy to speak to someone and tell their story," said Cannon. "I guess the mother was worried and distrustful because she was in a new place where she knew no one. It's nice to be able to see different people act differently."

Pictures and videos from the interviews will soon be posted on the LSUS Web site.

Police search for displaced sex offenders

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failing to check in with police or may have even left the state. Florida has a hurricane policy that requires certain registered sex offenders to ride out the storm in jail, but Louisiana has no policy in regard to sex offenders during hurricanes or evacuations.

That means those registered in the system could end up in shelters or communities across Louisiana and in other states.

According to Louisiana state law, sex offenders have 10 days after a relocation to register their new addresses. State officials say that time is up.

The United States has strengthened laws to keep track of sex offenders in the

"Every sex offender in New Orleans went missing after the hurricane. Unless they took it upon themselves to register, they are walking around planning their next sex crime."

Bernadette Palombo
associate professor
criminal justice

past decade. All but two states publish on the Internet names and addresses of people convicted. Failure to register is a crime in most states.

Scott Berkowitz, president

of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, stated that many convicted sex offenders do not register, use false addresses or register then move without notifying anyone. The

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network is America's largest anti-sexual assault organization.

Raley said Louisiana State Police greatly encourage citizens to notify the authorities if they have any information or questions regarding missing sex offenders within Louisiana.

"We are really counting on help from the public right now; the citizens' eyes and ears are going to be invaluable help to us," he said. "Right now there are generally more sex offenders living in our communities than most people realize."

"Be very careful of who you take to your home," Raley said. "Keep a close eye on your kids and know where they are at all times."

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'Sex Signals' gives students laughs, warnings

by Porscha Morgan

Funny pickup lines, mixed signals, and sexual innuendos were the topics of the "real life funny sort-of-improv show about sex and stuff" put on in the Black Box Theatre recently. The show was brought to the campus by the Student Activities Board.

The improvisational act, "Sex Signals" put on by two actors, Ben Murrie and Kellie Hayes, got the audience involved as they acted out stereotypical male and female characters. Some of the characters included the male consumed with sex and sports and the perfectly mannered female in distress.

"This show was definitely funny and so real," said Joy Drafton, sophomore business administration major. "It was definitely not what I expected."

The show started with Murrie and Hayes acting out scenes in bars and parties giv-

ing the audience the male and female points of view. Through the use of humor they were able to involve the audience by asking for pickup lines and what should be their next moves.

"I thought using the audience was great; it made it more realistic," said Leshawnda Gray, senior biology major. "By laughing at these situations, I think it made everyone realize how dumb we look sometimes."

While laughter could be heard throughout the theatre during most of the performance, including one liners from the audience, the show took a more serious turn towards the end. The last scene involved a date rape situation.

"I never saw that coming," said Drafton. "They totally took me by surprise."

The scene involved a guy who is accused of raping his female date with whom he was having dinner. During the

scene the guy is asked to tell his side of the story, during which he realizes that he did commit the act of rape.

"I bet a bunch of the guys in here are re-evaluating some of their experiences," said Drafton. "'No' definitely means 'no.' It doesn't matter if you are boyfriend and girlfriend or not."

"When most people think about rapists, they see guys in ski masks with knives," said Hayes. "In reality 84 percent of rapes happen between two people who know each other."

"I have never thought about rape in that light," said Gray. "I think that was an eye opener for both men and women who have been put into those situations."

At the end of the show Hayes and Murrie encouraged all students to talk to a counselor at school if they have been in this situation or know of someone who is.

Tips on Preventing Date Rape

- The use of date rape drugs are at an all time high, so don't leave your drink unattended. If you have to leave your drink, get a new one when you return.
- Be honest. Don't send mixed messages.
- Judge people by their behavior. Don't be blinded by their looks, race or bank accounts.
- Define and defend your sexual limits in advance, before the situation comes up.
- Non-verbal messages like clothing, body language and tone of voice can send mixed messages—so be aware of them.
- Follow your gut instinct if you are unsure about a situation.
- For the first few dates have your own transportation.
- If you are unsure about the new person, make the date before dark and in a public place, go out with a group or make it a double date.

This information can be found on the following Web sites:

<http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/rape/prevent.shtml>

<http://www.caresproject.org/docs/ed/ini/disc11.htm#myths>

If you have been a victim of sexual assault or want to help a victim, contact:

YWCA Rape Crisis Center
710 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101
Hotline: (318) 222-0556
(318) 222-2116

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
Independence, LA
(504) 747-8815

LSUS student elected to system Board of Supervisors

by Michael Scott

SGA president Lacey Spencer has become the first LSUS student in nearly two decades to be elected to the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors, which decides policy for all schools in the LSU system, consists of 16 members from the eight Congressional districts of Louisiana. All citizen members of the board are appointed by the governor. The student representative, however, must be voted into a one-year term by the SGA presidents of all LSU system schools.

"It's very competitive to get on the board," said Spencer. "You're up there with the best of the best from Louisiana."

According to Spencer, one of the concerns other SGA presidents had was the location of her home university, with Shreveport being further away from schools such as LSU in Baton Rouge, the University of

New Orleans, the LSU Law Center in Baton Rouge and the Medical Center in New Orleans. Spencer visited each campus in the system and spoke with its student body president, with the hope of alleviating any fears that may have existed about voting her into office.

"You have to have an understanding of all institutions [in Louisiana]," said Spencer. "Whenever I vote, I think about the 65,000 students I'm representing."

"This reflects very well on LSUS," said Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs. "It is long overdue."

According to Raines, the student candidate for the board of supervisors must be the SGA president at his or her home university. While the 15 appointed citizen members represent the interests of their districts, the student representative is the voice of all stu-

dents in the LSU system.

"For the students not to have representation would be folly," said Hank Gowen, a local attorney and parliamentarian of the LSU Board of Supervisors. "They are an integral part of the system."

"This gives us a little more visibility. It's been a long time since we've had a student [from LSUS] on the board."

Vincent Marsala
Chancellor

According to Gowen, the Board of Supervisors has a \$2 billion budget to oversee the operations of the LSU school system, which includes undergraduate education, graduate education and medical research. Along with local architect Stewart Slack, Gowen and Spencer represent the 4th Con-

gressional district of Louisiana, which includes LSUS and the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. According to Gowen, having three members from one district might tip the scales in favor of policy regarding LSUS.

"This gives us a little more visibility," said Dr. Vincent Marsala, LSUS chancellor. "It's been a long time since we've had a student [from LSUS] on the board." According to Marsala, the last LSUS student to serve on the Board of Supervisors was Lane Rosen, who is now a doctor. Rosen served 24 years ago.

According to Spencer, many were unsure of what to expect regarding her election to the Board of Supervisors, considering the amount of time which had passed since LSUS had a representative.

"It's something you don't learn in the classroom," said

Spencer. "I don't think anything could have prepared me."

According to Spencer, being a board member has prepared her for the future regarding her education as well as profession. Spencer, who is a biology major and plans to attend medical school, has a scholarship to any school in the LSU system for the rest of her life. Along with the other board members, she awards 20 scholarships to students in the LSU system. Spencer has asked the SGA presidents from each LSU school to send her a list of students they feel are worthy of receiving the money.

"I'll never experience anything like it," said Spencer. "I'm very thankful and blessed."

Spencer also encourages fellow students to take advantage of any opportunity presented to them.

"My philosophy is if anybody works hard enough, they can achieve anything they want to achieve," she said.

In other news

Tropical Storm Wilma ties record

Tropical Storm Wilma formed Monday in the northwestern Caribbean, tying the record for the most storms in an Atlantic season. Wilma is the 21st named storm of the season. The only other time that many storms formed since record keeping began 154 years ago was in 1933.

Worker stabbed in microwave dispute

Things got very ugly at a Walgreen's store in Tamarac, Fla., on Oct. 16, when one employee stabbed a co-worker over who could microwave her soup first. Both women wanted to use the microwave in the employee break room according to the Broward County Sheriff's Office. While they were fighting over who could use the microwave first, one employee stabbed the other in the abdomen, the sheriff's office said. Both women were arrested for disturbing the peace. The female with the stab wounds is in good condition.

High school student stabbed after pulling girl's hair extensions

In Coral Gables, Fla., a fight broke out between two South Florida high school students after one pulled the other's hair extensions. The altercation ended with one of the girls being airlifted to a local hospital with multiple stab wounds. According to police, the 16-year-old girls, both students at Coral Gables Senior High School, were fighting when one girl stabbed the other several times.

Flight attendant calls in bomb threat

A Sri Lanka stewardess really wanted the day off on Friday, Oct. 14, so she decided to phone in a bomb threat from her boyfriend's cell phone to SriLankan Airlines, where which she "was" employed. According to the airline, the stewardess was fired after she had given the false alarm because she did not want to fly that day.

McShrimp headed for Japan

The McDonald's restaurants in Japan will be adding the shrimp burger to its menu. The newest menu addition goes on sale this month. The fast-food giant has tried everything from tofu burgers to advertising blitzes to coax diners back to the Golden Arches after the company posted a loss in 2002 due to a mad cow scare. Other problems plaguing the fast food chain is that the Japanese market is aging and becoming more health-conscious.

Eight is enough? Try 16 and counting

Michelle Duggar, a mother in Little Rock, Ark., delivered her 16th child on Oct. 11, and according to reports, she's already thinking about doing it again. The father Jim Bob Duggar, a former state representative, said mother and child were doing well. He said his daughter's birth was especially exciting because it was the first time in eight years the family had a girl. The Discovery Health Channel documented Duggar's pregnancy and will air a special on the family in early 2006.

LSUS considers adopting smoking ban

by Mike Schwalke

This past May, Shreveport Mayor Keith Hightower signed Ordinance No. 37, better known as the Smoking Ordinance. Now it is illegal for people to smoke within 25 feet of any public building or facility or any private property where the public may gather. A state law supercedes this measure and allows smoking in any place where alcohol is consumed. Though it is not specifically noted in the ordinance, the official press release from Hightower's office states that this ban will apply to colleges and universities.

But in the past five months the din of smokers congregating near the entrances of Bronson Hall and other buildings on campus has not shrunk. Many are confused as to how this city ordinance applies to LSUS, a state institution.

When the faculty senate met on Oct. 12, the final ruling was that the ordinance does not apply to LSUS which is state property.

However, the university still could adopt the ordinance on its own volition. The faculty senate voted 10-1 to pass the issue onto the staff senate and the Chancellor's office for final consideration.

"Frankly, I'd like to see [the entire campus] smoke free," said Dr. Rebecca Nolan, professor of psychology, who sees the 25-foot rule as a courtesy. However, she and others have noted that placing ashtrays next to the entrances encourages smokers to loiter where they are most obtrusive. Nolan, a former smoker who quit about 10 years ago, has been the chief proponent of instituting the smoking ban.

LSUS Chancellor Vincent Marsala, who attended the faculty senate meeting, also suggested a smoke-free campus.

Mary Jarzabek, director of forensics, is a smoker who would be affected should the ban go into effect.

"Lots of us are stuck here all day," she said. "Smokers should be

deferential to non-smokers," she said, agreeing that keeping cigarettes away from the entrances to buildings is "just good manners."

Indeed, the ordinance gives precedence to the rights of non-smokers. In addition, those who violate the ban could be fined as much as \$50 and ordered to serve up to 40 hours in community service.

The ordinance was first proposed by City Councilman Jeff Hogan from District E. Theron Jackson, councilman from District G, was also a main proponent of the measure which passed on a vote of 5-2 this past April.

Monty Walford, councilman from District B, voted against the ordinance.

"[The ordinance] goes too far into private property," Walford said. Because the ban affects any place where public business is conducted, owners of private institutions cannot set their own rules. "I think the intentions were good," he said of the ordinance.

Students speak out on smoking ban issue



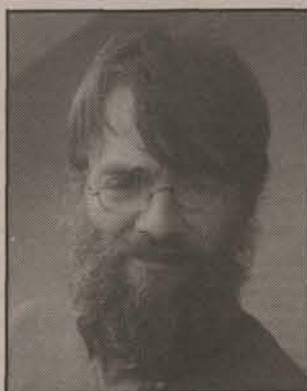
"[The smoke] doesn't bother me. [Smokers] don't have anywhere else to go."

Devondrea Jenkins
freshman
biology



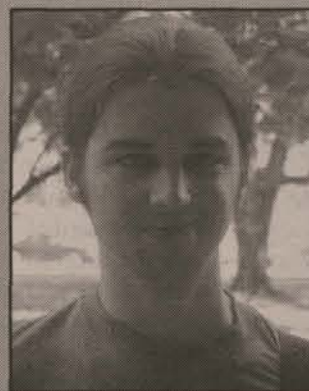
"I understand that people don't want to walk through a cloud of smoke. I don't mind standing, but we need some other ashtrays."

Loretta Casteen
junior
English



"There goes our ranking in the top one-thousand party schools."

Jon Gill
senior
general studies



"I don't think it should be enacted. The way it is right now is good."

Pierce Wren
freshman
computer science



DANGER DOOM



Danger Doom
"The Mouse and the Mask"

If you've yet to hear of Danger Doom, it's not from a lack of trying from Adult Swim. The popular programming block has been plugging the album to death for over a month now, as they should. The album features skits from many of Adult Swim's original characters and is a collaboration between two of the most interesting players in indie hip-hop—MF Doom and Danger Mouse.

Producer Brian Burton, a.k.a. Danger Mouse, is probably best known for "The

Grey Album," his remix of Jay-Z's "The Black Album" with samples from the Beatles' "White Album." Burton's remix spread across the Internet garnering national attention and eventual praise. This caught the attention of Damon Albarn of Blur and Gorillaz fame, who asked him to produce the latter's sophomore album "Demon Days." Though Danger Mouse may receive more public recognition, MF Doom has been among the most acclaimed underground rappers of the past few years. Daniel Dumile, a.k.a. MF Doom, Viktor Vaughn, Metal Fingers, King Geedorah, Zev Luv X of KMD and half of the duo Madvillain,

Taking his name, and several of his aliases, from comic book villain Dr. Doom, MF Doom raps, takes photos and does shows all behind an identity-concealing metal mask (thus the "MF," which stands for "metal face"). As if his name and persona weren't peculiar enough, his muddy vocals and rhyme patterns are consistently unpredictable. Add to this the head-scratchingly bizarre and unique topics he covers and it becomes evident why Doom's contribution to an Adult Swim-flavored rap collaboration would make perfect sense.

Several amusing Adult Swim moments pop up in the skits throughout the

album including some rapping from Meatwad and the hilarious "Black Debbie" bit from Sealab 2021

Iron & Wine + Calexico
"In the Reins"

"In the Reins" is a seven-track collaborative effort between folk singer Sam Bean of Iron & Wine and alt-country experimenters Calexico.

The songs recorded on the album previously existed as Iron & Wine songs but are given new life at the hands of Arizona duo Calexico. They add a third dimension to Bean's quaint songs.

Bean—whose last album, the incredible full-length "Our Endless Numbered Days" led Entertainment Weekly to say Bean made "John Mayer look like Slayer"—excels at delicate songwriting comparable to the late Elliot Smith. Calexico's Joey Burns and John Convertino lay down a rustic mix of pedal steel guitar, horns and harmonicas that spotlessly compliment Bean's usual stripped down songs.

Don't be fooled, this sounds like country. Not that macho cut-off Wrangler vest jacket, big belt buckle, country mind you, but slightly pitiful, beautiful guitar-driven songwriting with a twang.

Oct. 18 New Releases: Animal Collective "Feels," Boards Of Canada "The Campfire Headphase," Depeche Mode "Playing The Angel," Lightning Bolt "Hypermagic Mountain," Silver Jews "Tanglewood Numbers," Various Artists [RZA, MF Doom, Aesop Rock, GZA and more] "Think Differently Music: Wu-Tang Meets the Indie Culture"

Derrick: What the hell did we watch? Oh yeah..."Domino." Sorry, I'm still recovering from whatever possessed me to see this movie. Just kidding. It was all right.

Chris: This is exactly what I expected from Tony Scott.

Derrick: Yeah, it was definitely a Tony Scott movie. I'm kind of split down the middle on the verdict though. Some of the stuff was real crazy, and some of it was pretty lame.

Chris: The plot was interesting, and the acting wasn't too bad either. I really like the grainy Tony Scott cinematography.

Derrick: You're right. The plot was cool, the acting was decent in most cases and the camera effects were typical Scott style. What got me was some of the situations that occurred in the movie.

Chris: If you're a horny Mexican dude and a fine white chick says, "I will dance in my drawers for you," you might say yes...maybe.

Derrick: You knew exactly what I was talking about. Four words for you: THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN! There's not a thug in this world that's gonna turn in his homeboy for a lap dance. Especially from a girl who looks

like she's yet to hit puberty.

Chris: One thing I didn't like was the fact they put an aspect of terrorism by an Arabian in the film. Not that I'm trying to be political or anything. I am just sick of seeing that in movies.

Derrick: No doubt. I found that real stereotypical too.

Chris: I liked the craziness of the film. It was almost to the point of mindlessness, and that was appealing to me.

Derrick: Wow Chris, I can't believe you're going to put that down in print. I think that's what I liked least about the film. It felt unscripted and senseless at times. It was as if Scott just said screw it and threw in some random BS to take up time.

Chris: It was one of those movies where you get the plot and story, but it doesn't take a lot to watch it. You can actually go to pee and not miss something.

Derrick: So I guess I could have just skipped it altogether and not missed anything then, huh? Seriously though, it did have its moments. The dude Choco was just brutal. What was with the Spanish thing though?

Chris: He was awesome—my favorite



"Domino"

Starring: Keira Knightley, Mickey Rourke, Edgar Ramirez, Lucy Liu, Mena Suvari, Christopher Walken, Jacqueline Bisset, Delroy Lindo

character. What a psycho!

Derrick: I have to give it up to Keira Knightley too. At first I didn't think she would be able to pull off the performance convincingly. Was I ever wrong. She still didn't quite look right for the part, but she held it down. She portrayed the character with such ferocity and passion that at times I forgot she was an actress with a pretty face but rather a grimey bounty hunter infatuated with the thrill of the chase.

Chris: Yeah, I was impressed with her performance as well. You don't see any bounty hunter flicks at all, and it was refreshing to see something different.

Derrick: Yeah, but I don't think bounty hunting is really that interesting. They're just like cops but without the badges and less crooked. All in all, I appreciated this movie for the creative approaches taken in its creation. The story seemed a little too fantasized and some of the dialogue was just awful. But hey, if you want a mindless good time, this might be worth the cost of a matinee showing.

Chris: Altogether this was a good film, and I would highly recommend it to any Tony Scott fan. It was a fun romp and entertaining.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 20

Weight Training Class
Weight Room - HPE
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Biology Club Meeting
10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 21

Rec Sports:
outdoor recreation entries due

Saturday, October 22

Reunion
College of Education and
Human Development

Sunday, October 23

Psi Chi Induction Ceremony
2 p.m.

Monday, October 24

Total Body Blast Class
Dance Room - HPE
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25

Weight Training Class
Weight Room
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

SAB musician
Causeway
10:30 a.m.

SAB Meeting
Pilots Room
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Pilates
Mat Room - HPE Building
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Causeway
UC Theatre
7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

Total Body Blast Class
Dance Room - HPE Building
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

SAB comedian
UC Theatre
2 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

Weight Training Class
Weight Room
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Fall Fest
UC Mall
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Movie on the Mall
"Batman Begins"
at dark

The Baseball Team wins dodgeball tournament

by Rodrigo Mondragon

LSUS recently held a one-day intramural dodgeball tournament. This event was organized by Rec Sports.

"The public loves dodgeball," said Jennifer Klimiuk, assistant director of Rec Sports. "It's becoming one of the most popular sports in colleges."

Seven teams participated in this tournament: Scene Machines, The Team, Committee, Dodgers, Wolverines, Bounty Hunters and The Baseball Team who won the 2-hour tournament and received T-shirts as a prize.

The first games were played using only half of the basketball court, allowing 2 games per period. During the championship the full court was used. The Baseball Team was the first team to qualify for the final getting the best score during the first games.

"I am having a lot of fun with my teammates," said

Jared McConell, a mathematics and chemistry major who was on the Scene Machine team. "We have to plan strategies to beat the other team."

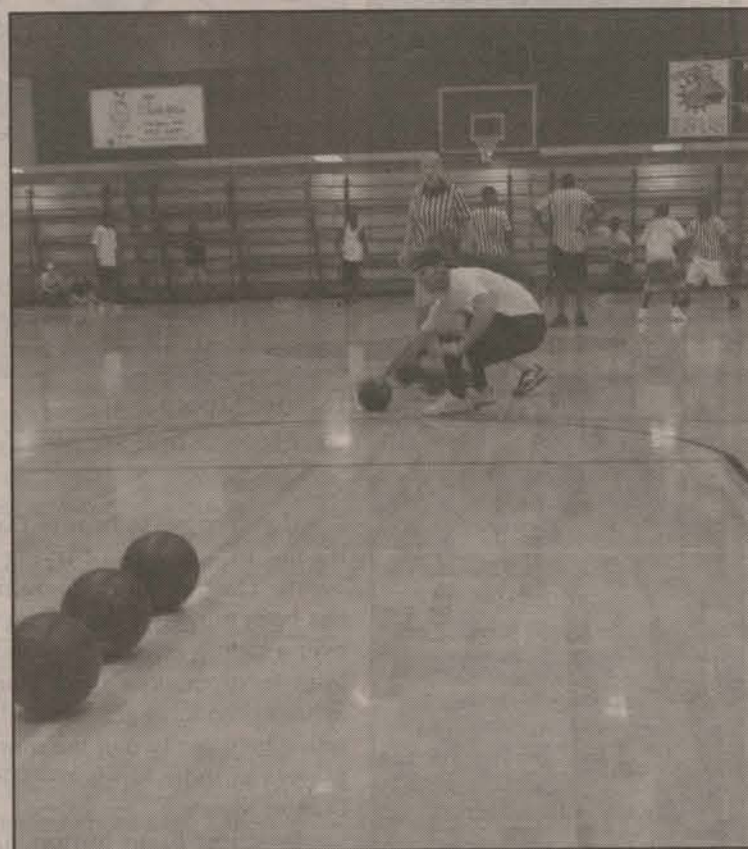
McConell used to play dodgeball in high school and middle school along with some of his teammates.

In dodgeball there are six members for each team. The game uses six 8-inch rubber-coated foam balls placed in the middle of the court between the two teams.

The purpose of the game is to eliminate opposing team members by striking players with thrown balls or catching balls thrown by opposing players.

During the game all players must remain within boundary lines, and the first team to eliminate all the opposite members is declared the winner.

This event is organized by Rec Sports every year and is open to all students.



RODRIGO MONDRAGON

The Baseball Team wins the one-day dodgeball tournament in the HPE building.

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